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Life Among The Extremists

At the trial of three extremists Negroes on a charge of conspiring to blow up the Statue of Liberty, police undercover "plant" Raymond Wood, 31, testified that defendant Robert Collier told him "we're going to have to start a little arts and crafts class" to deal with CIA burning of Cuban sugar fields. He said Collier wanted to destroy the Upper Hudson River locks. He said it was defendant Walter A. Bowe's idea to blow the head off the Statue of Liberty and quoted Bowe, a Manhattan judo instructor, thusly: "Man, I was thinking when me and my wife lived downtown, I used to look at that old girl out there in the harbor—If we could make that old girl blow her top we'd really put a hurt on that old bitch." Defense attorney Mark Lane declared that Wood had egged the others on.

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